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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2003

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLIFTON FRANCE.

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1 William Clifton France, NASCAR patriarch and visionary, was born on
2 April 4, 1933, in Washington D.C. Growing up in the formative years of stock
3 car racing, he lived and learned every detail of the sport from his own
4 experiences and from those of his father, William Henry Getty France, who was
5 known as Bill Sr. or Big Bill because of his 6-foot, 5-inch stature. Bill
6 Sr. was the founder and first president of NASCAR.

7 In 1972, William Clifton France replaced his father and became the
8 second president of the world's largest auto racing sanctioning body. During
9 his 28-year tenure as NASCAR president, and later as chairman and CEO, NASCAR
10 grew from a sport with regional appeal to become America's second most
11 popular sport on television and the most popular form of motorsports, with
12 more than 75 million fans.

13 William Clifton France's involvement in NASCAR began in the sport's
14 "grass roots." During his career, he worked in every available role in stock
15 car racing. He flagged events, scored, promoted, served as steward and even
16 raced a few times in the 1950s.

17 Before being named NASCAR's president, Mr. France served six years as
18 vice-president, and before that he served in other capacities. In addition
19 to his NASCAR duties, he served as chairman of the board of International
20 Speedway Corporation, which oversees Phoenix International Raceway, Daytona
21 International Raceway and Talladega Superspeedway, among other racing
22 facilities around the country. He also served as a director of the National
23 Motorsports Council of ACCUS-FIA. William Clifton France served NASCAR, the
24 International Speedway Corporation and motorsports with great distinction and
25 vision throughout his lifetime.

26 Therefore

27 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

28 That the Members of the House of Representatives express regret at the
29 passing of William Clifton France and extend their condolences to Mrs. Betty
30 Jane France, Lesa France Kennedy, Brian France and other surviving family
31 members.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE JUNE 7, 2007.

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